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1. REFTEL (A) REPORTS TEXT OF DOCUMENT TRANSFERRING TRACT E FROM USG TO IEG AND STIPULATING THAT USG WILL ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH IEG TO PROVIDE (ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS) POWER, WATER, AND MAINTENANCE TO
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PORTIONS OF TRACT E OCCUPIED BY ETHIOPIAN MINISTRIES

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OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FINE ARTS, AND DEFENSE.
REFTEL B ANNOUNCES PROVISION UTILITIES IN BEST INTERESTS
USG AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ADDIS INSTITUTE AND IMPLEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE EQUITABLE
ALLOCATION OF COSTS AMONG AND TIMELY PAYMENT BY ALL
CONSUMERS OF UTILITIES PROVIDED BY NAVCOMMUNIT. REFTEL C
ASSUMES CISCO WILL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ETHIOPIAN
GOVERMENT AND RECOMMENDS CONTRACT BE NEGOTIATED WITH MOD
ADDIS SINCE ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS ASMARA LACK INCLINATION
AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE. REFTEL D REAFFIRMS THAT
PROVISION OF UTILITIES NOT OPERATIONALLY RELATED TO

NAVCOMMUNIT MISSION THEREFORE AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE
UTILITIES CONTINGENT ON FINDING THAT PROVISION IN
BEST INTERESTS USG AND RECEIPT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT
FROM IEG.

2. REFTEL C INDICATES THAT ORIGINAL ESTIMATE IEG
UTILITY COST 250 THOUSAND PER YEAR UNDERSTATED BY
FIFTY PERCENT. ON BASIS MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATE
375 THOUSAND PER YEAR, REIMBURSEMENT DUE USG
1 OCT WILL BE ABOUT 97 THOUSAND. ANOTHER 97 THOUSAND
DOLS ADVANCE PAYMENT ALSO DUE 1 OCT.

3. DOD/NAVY DOES NOT CONCUR IN PROPOSAL REFTEL C THAT
CISCO ACT AS USG NEGOTIATING AGENT. ALL CISCO/NAVY
PERSONNEL CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO OPERATION
NAVCOMMUNIT FACILITY THEREFORE ABSENCE KEY PERSONNEL
REQUIRED FOR NEGOTIATIONS ADDIS UNACCEPTABLE. AS
ALTERNATIVE, SERVICES/ADVICE OF U.S. NAVY CONTRACT
SPECIALIST COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS
ITS OWN CAPABILITY, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY CONTRACT
REVIEW PROPOSED REFTEL B, INADEQUATE OR INAPPROPRIATE
TO NEGOTIATING TASK. IN ANY CASE CISCO CONSIDERED
APPROPRIATE SOURCE FOR COST DATA AND TECHNICAL ADVICE.

4. SINCE NAVCOMMUNIT NOW FURNISHING UTILITIES ON
CONTINGENCY BASIS WITHOUT CLEAR LEGAL AUTHORITY AND
SINCE ETHIOPIAN ARREARAGE MOUNTING AT DAILY RATE
DOLS ONE THOUSAND PLUS, UTILITIES ARRANGEMENT
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BECOMES MATTER FOR URGENT RESOLUTION. IN EFFORT TO
LIMIT POTENTIAL LOSS DOD/NAVY PROPOSES TERMINATION
UTILITY SERVICES 15 OCT 74 IF ACCORD CANNOT BE REACHED.
REQUEST EMBASSY TAKE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE REF B.,
REPORT IF ANY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONCLUDED
FURTHER TO REF B., ASSESS IMPACT OF TERMINATING
NAVCOMMUNIT UTILITY SERVICE IN ABSENCE SUBSTITUTE
USG CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS, AND EVALUATE CAPABILITY

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ETHIOPIAN COMPANY TO PROVIDE UTILITY SERVICES IF
USG CONTRACT CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED. KISSINGER

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